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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

N. Drew Richards

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 July 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 and 20-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 10-12 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 21 and 22 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13, 14, 20 and 23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 15-18 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 August 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 20 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 20 depends from cancelled claim 19. Thus, claim 20 is indefinite as it is unclear what claim it depends from and what limitations are included in claim 20 based upon its dependency.

Claim 23 recites the limitation "the first substrate" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

3. For the sake of the art rejections below, claim 20 is treated as depending from claim 16 as cancelled claim 19 (from which claim 20 depends) depended from claim 16.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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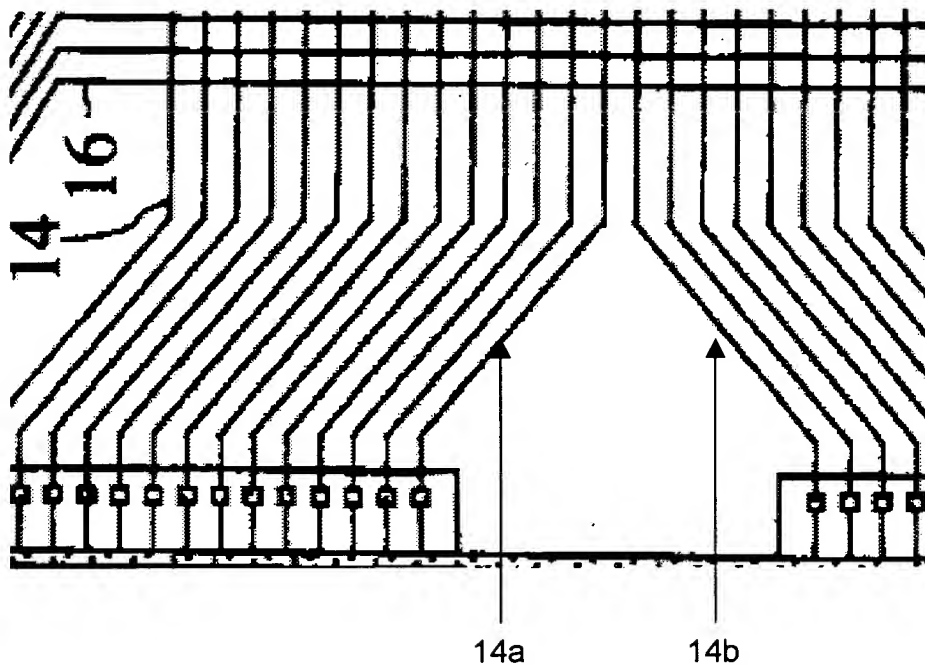
5. Claims 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Takizama et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,742,074).

Takizawa et al. disclose a liquid crystal display (LCD) in figures 1-35.

Specifically, figure 1 shows:

a plurality of first wires 16 formed on a substrate 10 extending in a first direction; and

a plurality of second wires 14 intersecting the first wires, each second wire 14 having a plurality of bending points wherein equidistance points between two neighboring second wires 14 form a substantially straight line. For clarity, a portion of figure 1 is reproduced below. This portion shows that each second wire 14 has a plurality (first and second) bending points and that two neighboring second wires (labeled 14a and 14b below) have equidistance points that form a straight line.



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With regard to claim 14, the plurality of bending points are arranged periodically.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 1-9, 21 and 22 are allowed.
7. Claims 15-18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
8. Claim 23 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
9. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record fails to teach, disclose, or suggest, either alone or in combination, an LCD as claimed including a plurality of pixel electrodes formed having a shape conformal to the bent portions of the two neighboring second wires wherein equidistance points between the two neighboring second wires form a substantially straight line.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should

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preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

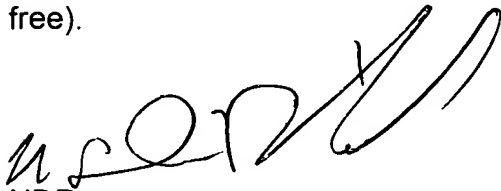
10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Fujii et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5598283), Kawaguchi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5349226), Kawaguchi (U.S. Patent No. 6052171).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to N. Drew Richards whose telephone number is (571) 272-1736. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:00-5:00.

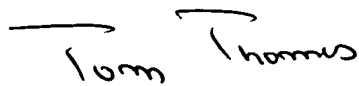
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom Thomas can be reached on (571) 272-1664. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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